

# Wealthy Inventor Shares Philosophy Of Working Ideas

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What do the Water Pik, the IBM PC remote keyboard, Atari games, Polaroid's advanced film processing, the wireless microphone, and the wireless AM/FM headset all have in common?

All those plus many more inventions can be credited to one man — Jerry Pruyne (pronounced Pri-ne).

In fact, over forty-two of his inventions are currently on the market.

"I believe I can invent a new product every single day," said Pruyne in a special seminar held at the Orem City Center Tuesday night.

"Nearly everyone has looked at something and said, 'This is dumb. Why doesn't somebody....'"

Pruyne has gone beyond leaving the invention of a gadget to someone else. He has become an enthusiastic and widely versatile inventor who can look at almost anything and find a way to either



Jerry Pruyne

ever did," said Pruyne.

But there is more to Jerry Pruyne than his successful inventions. His level of thinking, well passed the genius mark, incorporates a philosophy he openly explains to everyone he talks to.

He even went so far as to write a three-hundred page book on his ways of looking at the world and at our own selves.

"Thinking of and developing an invention is a sacred obligation, and man will not have an idea without having the ability to carry it to fruition," Pruyne said.

"Man was born with total intelligence. If you can put it in your mind, it can be done. We can do whatever we chose to do."

This from a man who up until a few years ago could not understand the written word. Even now he is pushing himself to learn how to read and write as others do so easily.

Pruyne grew up in Michigan, illiterate, abandoned and battered. His father was in prison during Pruyne's first six years, and his mother was too ill to take care of him properly.

To compensate for his illiteracy, Pruyne developed a unique way of learning more through intuition than intellect. His method has since brought him in contact with corporate heads and politicians, with the ability to converse easily on any subject.

Companies have approached Pruyne with seemingly insurmountable problems dealing with certain product designs. He has been able to solve every one

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improve it or invent something better.

His inventions have affected medicine, industrial electronics, consumer electronics, graphics, photography, typesetting, sporting goods, real estate and housewares.

His first serious invention was sold to Sears & Roebuck for over five hundred dollars.

"In the old days, the shower curtain used to cling to my mother. The tub was made of porcelain and steel like they are now



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writing outdoor and adventure stories for magazines.

"Vince Lombardi denied a long time ago having said 'Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing,' and Durocher was very upset about the 'Nice guys finish last' quote," Green said. "He said it made him appear to say you can't be a good person and succeed."

Green's book points out Lombardi, in his 1973 book "Vince Lombardi on Football, Vol. 1," said, "What I said was 'Winning is not everything — but making the effort to win is.'"

Lombardi was adamant that the quote attributed to him came from Sanders, who coached Vanderbilt in the 1940s.

Durocher's comments came in 1948 when he was managing the Brooklyn Dodgers and was asked why he liked the competitive Eddie Stanky.

To punctuate his lengthy explanation, Durocher pointed across the field at the New York Giants and told the writer, "Take a look

at them. All nice guys. They finish last. Nice guys. Finish last."

"Writers ran the sentences together to make it sound as if I was saying you couldn't be a decent person and succeed," Durocher said after the comment was publicized.

Green said his research revealed a young boy never said, "Say ain't so, Joe," to "Shoeless" Joe Jackson as was widely reported during the 1919 Black Sox scandal when several White Sox were accused of throwing a World Series.

"Jackson said there never was a young boy who asked him that," Green said. "He said the only question he got that day was from a sheriff's deputy who asked for a ride. Apparently that quote was a writer's flight of fancy."

Green said researching the book was an adventure.

"It was like a treasure hunt," he said. "You don't know what you're going to find."

within a very short time. "I have never found a mechanical device I cannot fix," he said. Prune believes in a pre-existence where we were free to associate ideas freely, not bogged down with the structured ways of thinking learned in today's schools. He believes the rules we learn in life contribute to having, and not to being. But inventions are not the only things occupying Prune's mind these days. Today's inventors concern him, too. "When you get an idea, you think you have to go out and patent it," he said. "A patent is a piece of paper that says you had an idea." Anyone can copy your idea. It is for this and other reasons Prune has established an academy for inventors in Salt Lake City. Inventors and would-be inventors can now learn from Prune's years of experience and avoid some of the pitfalls he encountered. Prune wants to know who the inventors are. He will help them keep their ideas and help them do something about it through his non-profit academy. "Everyone has ideas," said Prune. "Your creative process is always there." Can a man who earned \$4.5 million in one year be wrong?

and so I put a few little magnets in the bottom of the curtain to hold it down." When was the last time you bought a shower curtain without magnets? His second invention earned him even greater success. Performers and speakers were constantly becoming tangled in the microphone wire. Prune went to work and invented the wireless microphone. "I did all this without ever taking a course in electronics," said Prune. "The wireless 'mic' is one of his many success stories. His greatest invention, however, was a little black box. Prune was challenged by Polaroid to produce something that could be used in computerized typesetting equipment to handle the special roll paper needed in producing instant typeset copy. The exposed paper was always hand-carried from the machine to the developing room. The risk of accidental exposure always existed. Prune accepted the challenge, and in just five days he had the prototype in his hands — a unique plastic box with an invisible "living hinge" that allowed no light to enter but allowed the roll paper to be easily pulled out. "This was the finest invention I

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*Mabel LINDSAY*

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MRS. JANE P. DURTSCHI  
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## Grant N. Durtschi

MIDWAY, Wasatch County — Funeral services for Grant N. Durtschi, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alma Fred Durtschi, who died Friday, will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Midway Second Ward chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Joseph Jorgensen, bishop.

The boy died at the family home Friday following a month's illness. He was a native of Midway and would have been a pupil in the sixth grade of Midway school in September.

Friends may call at the family home in Midway until time of services. Burial will be in Midway cemetery, directed by Orpin mortuary, Helper.



Grant Durtschi  
 . . . passenger

# Midway Woman Auto Crash

## Durtschi Vehicle Smashed Being Towed on Highway

A Midway woman was killed on Sunday night when the car in which she was riding rammed into an old truck being towed by a slow-moving auto near the summit in Parleys Canyon.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Salt Lake General Hospital was Mrs. Jane P. Durtschi, 51, wife of Alma Fred Durtschi of Midway. She died of chest and head injuries.

Mr. Durtschi who was driving the eastbound auto in which his wife was killed, received minor bruises in the accident.

The accident occurred about one-fourth mile west of the Salt Lake Summit County line at about 9:05 p. m., according to Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Bryce Taylor.

Walden W. Bowers, 37, Kamas was driving the car towing the truck. He had his wife and five children with him in his auto. They were not hurt.

Mr. Bowers told officers that he had stopped on the highway to put water in his car's radiator and had just started up again when the Durtschi vehicle rammed into the truck from the rear. Mr. Durtschi said he did not see the truck in time to stop.

The steel frame of the 1946 model truck smashed through the radiator and firewall of the Durtschi vehicle. The truck had no bed, only a cab and chassis.

Mrs. Durtschi was born on August 10, 1909 at Ephraim, a daughter of O. Frederick and Karen



Alma F. Durtschi

Midway-Alma Frederick Durtschi, 79, died July 12, 1984 in a Heber City hospital. Born March 24, 1905 in Midway, Utah to Friedrich and Katherine Lugenbuhl Durtschi shortly after their arrival from Switzerland.

Married Vivian Nisonger, June 27, 1928. Marriage later

solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died July 17, 1948.

Married Jane Peel, March 30, 1951 in the Manti LDS Temple.

She died April 2, 1963. Married Maren Bondick August 14, 1963 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Member of the LDS Church.

Served as the Seventy's Quorum President of the Midway 2nd Ward. High Priest. Owner and operator of one of the first service stations in Midway. Had worked as miner in the Park City mines.

Worked as a general contractor for many years. He invented or modified most of the machinery used in his business.

Survived by wife, Midway; sons: A Fenton, Golden, Colo.; and Gerald N., Bountiful, Utah. Eight grandchildren, 10 great

Alma Fredrick DURTSCHI

# Obituaries

Sisters: Walter; Mrs. Theo (Lucy) Daybell; Mrs. Martha Slaughter, all of Midway, Utah; and Mrs. Otto (Freda) Baker, Salt Lake City. Preceded in death by sons Grant and Allan and sister Alice Thurgood.

Funeral services were held Monday (1:00 p.m.) at the Midway 2nd Ward Chapel. Burial - Midway Cemetery.

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Alma F. Durtschi

invented:

1. Valve grinding machine
2. 3 cement mixers
3. 2 washing machines

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